

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-6, 8, 9 and 22-38 are pending. The title and claim 1 are amended.

The title was not considered descriptive. As such, the title has been amended as suggested by the Examiner.

Claims 1, 3 and 8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over **Zhang et al.** in view of **Noumi et al.** Claims 5 and 6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over these references further in view of **Wolf** and **Tauber**. Favorable reconsideration of these rejections is earnestly solicited.

Based on the comments in the Office Action, the Examiner appears to have overlooked that the claims require that the side surfaces are both inclined and outwardly protruding. That is, the Examiner again comments that the cited art teaches sides which are inclined or outwardly protruding.

Claim 1 has been amended to further clarify that outwardly protruding is not the same as inclined. More specifically, claim 1 has been clarified to specify that outwardly protruding means "with respect to a line passing through upper and lower edges of the side surface". For example, please see Fig. 4 of the present specification.

Since the cited art does not teach sides surfaces which are both inclined and outwardly protruding with respect to a line passing through upper and lower edges of the side surface, it is

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believed that the claims are in condition for allowance.

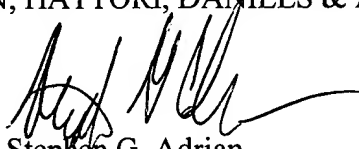
For at least the foregoing reasons, the claimed invention distinguishes over the cited art and defines patentable subject matter. Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner deem that any further action by applicants would be desirable to place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone applicants' undersigned attorney.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fees for such an extension of time and any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

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